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THE Emperor's New Declaration AGAINST The Most Christian King: OR, THE Further *Avocatoria* and *Inhibitoria* against the Crown of *FRANCE*. Published by the Diet at *Ratisbon*.

WE *Leopold*, by the Grace of God chosen *Roman* Emperour, always the enlarger of Empires; King in *Germany*, of *Hungary*, *Bohemia*, *Dalmatia*, *Croatia*, and *Sclavonia*, &c. Arch-Duke of *Austria*; Duke of *Burgundy*, *Styria*, *Carinthia*, *Crain*, and *Wirtemberg*; Count of *Tyrol*, &c. send Our Imperial Grace to all Our and the Holy Empire's Electors, Princes, and States, Vassals, Inhabitants, Citizens, and Subjects, and to all and every Superiour and Inferiour Officers and Common Souldiers of Horse and Foot. All and every of the same, may easily call to mind, how that We, by the Crown of *France*'s Invasion of the Holy Empire in the last Year 1688. contrary to all Treaties of Peace, and without any just Appearance and Cause, and through the Barbarous Hostilities attending that Invasion, were induc'd not only to send out Our Imperial *Mandata Avocatoria* and *Inhibitoria*: through the Empire, but also by the Unanimous Consent and Advice of the joynt Electors, Princes, and States, out of an Absolute Necessity to publish a General War of the *Roman* Empire with that expresly, powerful, and binding Command, that no State, Vassal, Inhabitant or Subject of the Holy *Roman* Empire, should engage himself in the Service or Pay of the Crown of *France*, or its Adherents and Abettors, or their Abettors, or keep any Correspondence or Commerce with the same, much less suffer its Ministers and Emissaries, or afford any Assistance or Retreat to any such like Persons, but to be Industrious to do them all sort of Injury; all which is more at large express'd in the aforesaid *Avocatoria*, and the thereupon ensuing Declaration of War, to which We shew graciously refer Our selves. Now considering that daily Experience resolves Us, that the Crown of *France* does not only at present continue its Hostile Enterprizes, but also fills the Holy *Roman* Empire, Our beloved Country of the *German* Nation, with such barbarous and dismal Tyranny, and inhumane Cruelties, as were never heard of in any *Heathen* or *Turkish* Wars, and which ought to be past over in silence in a Christian History. So that it seems that the *French* endeavour as much as in them lies, not so much to reduce the *German* Nation, under their Yoak, as utterly to destroy and root it out; of which a clear and unmistakable mark is, that contrary to all Faith, and Word, and Promises past, they have made that horrible Desolation and Destruction of the Ancient Cities of *Spira*, *Worms*, *Mentzen*, *Offenburg*, and several others; wherein some have behaved themselves with that Rage and Fury, that besides the burning and pulling down of Houses, they also opened the very Graves and Tombs, and not so much as excused the Bones of the *Roman* Emperours and Kings, who had there rested for some hundreds of Years; nay, have not so much as left one stone upon another of the Ancient Religious Houses. Wherefore We have, so much the more carefully to prevent that neither directly, nor indirectly any help be given to such wicked and *Unchristian* Undertakings, after mature Deliberation held, and with the Consent and Advice of the joynt Electors and States, thought it necessary to augment and amend Our above-mentioned *Mandata Avocatoria* and *Inhibitoria*, which We here renew in their whole Contents, in the following manner. And first, We herewithal do afresh earnestly Command, Will, and Require, by the *Roman*, Imperial, and Absolute Power Invested in Us, that not only the Inhabitants, Subjects, and all such as belong to Us and the *Roman* Empire, that are in Civil and Military Services of the *French* King, or his Allies, and privately and openly are Abettors, or assisting to their Abettors in any Part whatever, that they immediately after the Publication of these Our *Imperial Avocatoria*, upon the Penalties and Punishments expressed in Our former *Avocatoria*, repair into the Holy *Roman* Empire, Our Hereditary Kingdom and Territories, but also that they from this time forward, and as long as the present War shall last, shall not suffer themselves to be employed for any other, whoever it may be, than their Country, and its present and future Allies, who actually are in the present War against the declared Enemy of the Empire, upon pain of incurring the same Punishments; much less suffer them to List them, but wholly to forsake all Foreign Services. On the other side, they who shall willingly Obey these Our *Mandata Avocatoria*, and repair in due time to Us or their Princes, Lords, and Superiours, shall be accommodated and assisted according to Justice and their Quality. In the second place, We Command, by vertue of the same *Imperial* Power, with the Unanimous Consent of the afore-said Electors and States, that no *French* Ambassadours, Envoys, Ministers, their Retinue and Emissaries, nor any of the same nor other Nation, not only may not be suffered by any Electoral, Princely, or other Courts and Cities in the Empire; but also that no *French-man*, nor *French-woman*, Spiritual or Secular, of high and low Degree, be for the future admitted into Religious Benefices, Cloysters, and Colledges, or into Service, and such as are in already, to be dismissed, upon pain of incurring Punishment, saving that so far as concerns the Spiritualty, their Heads, Superiours, and Ordinaries, will undertake and answer for them, that they shall not attempt any thing injurious or disadvantagious to Our Interest, and that of the Empire, by Correspondence, or in other kinds: excepting nevertheless such Secular *French*, as have resided many years in the Empire, or withdrew thither through Motives of Conscience and Religion, and have been received into the Protection of some of the States of the Empire, and have hitherto in all Places industriously paid the usual Duty and Submission to their Lords and Superiours, and have further lived according to the present and other Ordonnances of Us and the Empire. In like manner, In the third place, no *Germans*, whoever they may be, or under whatever Name, Denomination, or Pretext it is, shall have leave, or be at liberty to Travel in *France*. And We likewise, in the fourth place, shall immediately account for Enemies of the Empire, all and every such Foreign Power, as shall, to the Advantage of *France*, under whatever colour or occasion it may be, Attack any State or Allie of the Empire, at present, or in the future, during this War; and as they are to be immediately reputed Enemies of the Empire, so shall no *German* serve the same, but much more be bound immediately to forsake such Service,

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And if any Commodities, Ships, Waggons, Horses, and other Carriages shall be caught in the Fact, all the same, as also the Money-fine, shall be forfeited, one half to the Informer, and the other to the Prosecuting Fiscal. We likewise forbid, in the sixth place, the Importation of all Manufactures of *France*, and such-like Toys; as also *French* Wine, Brandy, Oyl, and other Products and things, whether that they are brought immediately from thence, or through other Lands into the Empire in all Places, and particularly in the Maritime and Trading Towns, upon incurring the severest Penalties, and with Confiscation; nay, and after Discovery, severe bodily Punishment; and require that to this end, in all Passages on the Borders, as also in the Toll and Custom Places, where Merchants and their Goods are wont to pass, they proceed with strict and thorough search, without Respect of Persons, or further by other means establish such convenient Order, that this Prohibition may thoroughly, and without Exception, be observed for the future, especially in the Principal Maritime, and Trading Towns, that so for the avoiding of all Deceit, no such Commodities may pass, otherwise than upon the Credible Attestation of the Magistracy of the Place where the same were made, or whither they were carrying, from the second, third, or fourth hand, upon producing and knowing the first Attestation. Wherefore We also seriously and earnestly Command all and every Generalities of War, Colonels, and other Commanding Officers, who are in Our Service, and that of the Holy Empire, or its Electors, Princes, or States, that they as little as other Superiours, shall go about to grant any *Protectoria*, or Letters of Leave to any Domestick and Foreign Traders, who shall sollicite and insinuate into them for the liberty of Trafficking with *French* Commodities for a short time, or only for some days: Nor shall the same be granted by any Ambassadours, or other Foreign Ministers, residing by Permission in the Empire; but in case they be already granted, they shall *ipso facto* be esteemed void, and of no use, and no notice is to be taken of them. But so far forth as concerns *French* Commodities that were in the Empire before the Publication of the first *Imperial Inhibitoria*, the same shall be used in the following manner: That, whereas in some Circles in those matters due Preparations have not been already made, which if so, then to be dispos'd of for the Publick Use, each Merchant or Shop-keeper shall be bound after the day of the Publication of these Additional Imperial *Inhibitoria*, in eight, or at the farthest in fourteen days, to give in and deliver to his Magistracy, a Catalogue and Register, upon Oath, of all such *French* Commodities and Manufactures he has by him, upon pain otherwise of Confiscation of the same, and then to expect what Term, which without weighty cause, shall not easily be prolonged, shall be granted him for his selling of the same in the Land or City where he inhabits; which he is obediently to perform: And, what he shall still have left after the expiration of the Term, he shall in a shorter time export out of the Empire, also *Sub pœna Confiscationis*, or free himself of the same by confignation, or making them over to the Magistracy till time to come. Wherefore We Command all the Superiour Land Regencies to take in hand, and go about the due Observance, by Money-Fines, or bodily Punishments, against their Transgressing Subjects, Citizens, and Persons enjoying Protection; and so proceed to make such further praise-worthy and sufficient Preparations, that this wholsome Design may tend to the Profit of Our Country, and immediate Damage of the declared Enemy of the Empire; and also that the like Decrees be continuously and stedfastly executed. But particularly We Admonish and Command in the seventh Place, all and every the Superiour Land Regencies, to use their utmost Diligence, that no Corn, Horses, Powder, Lead, Brimstone, Salt-Peter, and all other contraband Commodities be carried and transported out of the Empire where-ever it be, nay, not so much as into Friendly and Neutral Countries, without leave granted upon important Considerations. We also admonish in the eighth Place, as well all Spiritual as Temporal Regencies earnestly to Command their Subjects, Citizens, and Protection-men, that they, particularly the Merchants and Trading People, do not forward suspected Letters and Packets addressed to them, but deliver the same to their Regency and Magistracy, and they to take care of them, according to their Place and Duty; as also all Ours, and the Empire's Post-Masters, Post-Officers, and others, Commissioned to carry Letters, are hereby strictly Commanded that they each with his own Name sign, stamp the Letters and Packets they receive; and if they harbour any Suspicion, immediately, and without any delay, and no less to the performance of their aforesaid Duty give up such Letters & Packets to the Regency of the Place. In case also, in the Ninth Place, any of the States or Members of the Empire, not being under the Enemy's Power, shall not perform his bounden Duty, according to this and other *Imperial* Conclusions, or is already in a Neutrality, or in particular Treaties with *France*, or shall be hereafter; he or they so offending, shall be proceeded against with all Severity, by depriving them of all Fiefs and Benefices holding of the Empire, according to the Tenour of Executions, and other Imperial Ordonnances and also the Common Laws. As also no less, in the same Place, against all others, who act contrary to this Ordinance, either through manifest wilfulness, or the pretext of Publick Good, shall be stript of all their Inheritances and Lands, Prerogatives, Rights, Substance, Goods and Wealth, Offices and Dignities; and also if they are taken, be punished in Body and Life, and the absent Offenders in their Effigies, and they and their Posterity made incapable of bearing any Title, and their Arms unjustly defaced, as also incapable of Church-Preferments, of Gentility, and Knight-hood, nay, and liable to any Punishment directed by the Regency proclaimed through the whole Empire, and the same shall be executed upon due notice given in all the respective Parts. We likewise finally Command all Superiour and Inferiour, as well Ecclesiastical as Temporal Regencies, Ancients, Inspectors, and other Over-seers, to make known all the same said to whom it may concern, and enjoyn them to Obedience. 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